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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Donates \$20,000 to Help Fund Barnwell Aquatics Center

AIKEN, S.C., November 30, 2021 – A million-dollar, multi-feature aquatics center for the Barnwell County Family YMCA is now closer to reaching its fundraising goal, thanks to a recent \$20,000 contribution from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS).

The aquatics center will offer a wide range of features to include a six-lane lap pool for recreational swimming and future competitive events, a water slide and other exciting features. The center will also provide an estimated 30 summer jobs and leadership development for local youth.

“We are so grateful to our friends at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions for their heartfelt contribution to this important cause,” said Pamela Rush, Executive Director at Axis I Center of Barnwell. “We believe the impact of this new facility will be extensive, having a positive economic effect throughout the area in addition to the recreational and much appreciated health-related benefits for local and nearby residents to enjoy.”

Rush also explained that this state-of-the-art facility will save lives as well. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in children throughout the U.S.

The Barnwell County Recreation Commission has already secured \$725,000 of the total amount needed to build the aquatic center. “We’re working closely with our partners in this effort to reach our last goal, to raise the final \$350,000. Thanks to a large grant from the State of South Carolina and friends like SRNS, we’re getting close,” said Rush.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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(From left) Chantsie Pickelsimer, Barnwell County Family YMCA Director; Larry Hutto, Barnwell County Recreation Board Chair; Natalia Johnson, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Principal Scientist and Barnwell County Family YMCA Board Member; receive a check from Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO.